



The New York State Accountability Report 2011-12

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Data in this report are those reported by districts in the Student Information Repository System as of August 24, 2012.

On May 29, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USDE) approved New York's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver. This waiver provides New York with increased flexibility to help close the achievement gap and assist students in becoming college and career ready. New York's waiver introduced a system of identifying districts and/or schools as **Reward, Focus, or Priority**, based on performance in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science at the elementary/middle level and in ELA, mathematics, and graduation rate at the secondary level. More information on the waiver is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/esea-waiver/>.

Data in The New York State Accountability Report are those used to determine **Performance Indices (PIs)** and make **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** determinations which, in turn, are used to assist in identifying districts and schools as Reward, Focus, and Priority. Explanations of how the data are used to make the determinations are available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAMaterials.html>.

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Adequate Yearly Progress and Performance Indices

Performance Indices (PIs) and Unweighted Combined PIs are used to determine if a district or school is Priority or Focus. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for accountability groups (all students, racial/ethnic groups, students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, and economically disadvantaged students) and PIs for accountability groups and non-AYP groups (non-racial/ethnic groups, general-education students, English proficient students, not economically disadvantaged students, male and female students, and migrant and non-migrant students) are used to determine if a district or school is Reward or a school requires a Local Assistance Plan. For more information, see http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/documents/NYSESEAFlexibilityWaiver_REVISED.pdf

Adequate Yearly Progress

In accordance with federal and State laws, the New York State Education Department must determine and report on the performance of students in the following areas:

- 1) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA)
- 2) Elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) Mathematics
- 3) Elementary/middle-level (grades 4 and 8) Science
- 4) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) ELA
- 5) Secondary-level (grades 9-12) Mathematics
- 6) Graduation Rate

This performance is determined by identifying whether or not a district or school made "**Adequate Yearly Progress**" (AYP). AYP indicates satisfactory progress by a district or a school toward the goal of proficiency for all students. In ELA, mathematics, and science, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students tested and the performance of tested students against defined standards. In graduation rate, AYP is determined by comparing the percentage of students graduating against defined standards.

Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science

Participation: In ELA and mathematics, 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested to meet the participation criterion. In science, 80% must be tested.

Performance: In ELA and mathematics, a calculated measure of performance called the "**Performance Index**" (PI) for each accountability group with 30 or more members must equal or exceed a preset objective called an "**Effective Annual Measurable Objective**" (EAMO) or a safety net objective called a "**Safe Harbor Target.**" In science, the criterion for performance is the same but the safety net is referred to as a "**Progress Target.**"

Districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria for all groups with sufficient numbers to make AYP.

Standards for Graduation Rate

Districts and schools with secondary-level grades are also held to certain standards for the percentage of students who graduated. To make AYP in graduation rate, every accountability group with 30 or more members must make AYP. For a group to make AYP, the graduation rate of the 4-year graduation-rate total cohort or the 5-year graduation-rate total cohort must equal or exceed the Graduation-Rate Standard of 80% or the group's Progress Target. A cohort is a group of students who entered grade 9 anywhere in a particular school year. Graduation rates for these cohorts are then determined 4 and 5 years after the students first enter grade 9.

For more information on how AYP and PIs are determined, see "Determining AYP in 2011-12" under Understanding Accountability in New York State at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/>.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: AYP

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Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) English language arts (ELA), districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate ELA assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✓
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	✓
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	✓
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Participation

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All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA) Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	959	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	—	11	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓	54	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	28	—
White	✓	863	100%
Multiracial	—	2	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	169	99%
Limited English Proficient	—	7	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	29	—

✓ At least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

✗ Less than 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Performance

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) English Language Arts (ELA) Performance Results

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	953	182	146	146
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	10	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓	53	174	119	119
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	28	—	—	—
White	✓	859	183	160	160
Multiracial	—	2	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	170†	136†	93	93
Limited English Proficient	—	7	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	29	—	—	—

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

✗ Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to six performance levels: Level 1 On Track, Level 1 Not On Track, Level 2 On Track, Level 2 Not On Track, Level 3, and Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $([2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})] \div [\text{Count of Tested Students}]) \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$.

Elementary/Middle-Level ELA: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	958	100%
Not Black or African American	948	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	905	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	931	100%
Not White	96	100%
Not Multiracial	957	100%
General Education	790	100%
English Proficient	952	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	930	100%
Male	488	100%
Female	471	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	959	100%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	952	182
Not Black or African American	943	182
Not Hispanic or Latino	900	183
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	925	182
Not White	94	177
Not Multiracial	951	182
General Education	786	192
English Proficient	946	183
Not Economically Disadvantaged	924	183
Male	482	178
Female	471	186
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	953	182

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Elementary/Middle-Level Math: AYP

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Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 3 - 8) mathematics, districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 95% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate math assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Safe Harbor Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✓
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	✓
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	✓
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Participation

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All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) Math Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 95%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	959	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—
Black or African American	—	11	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓	54	100%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	28	—
White	✓	863	100%
Multiracial	—	2	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	169	100%
Limited English Proficient	—	7	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	29	—

- ✓ At least 95% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.
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- There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Performance

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Safe Harbor Target: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 3 - 8) Math Performance Results

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Safe Harbor Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Safe Harbor Target
All Students	✓	954	188	160	160
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	1	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	10	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	✓	53	175	137	137
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	28	—	—	—
White	✓	860	189	170	170
Multiracial	—	2	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	171†	153†	114	114
Limited English Proficient	—	7	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	29	—	—	—

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

✗ Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Safe Harbor Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to six performance levels: Level 1 On Track, Level 1 Not On Track, Level 2 On Track, Level 2 Not On Track, Level 3, and Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $([2(\text{Count at Level 1 On Track}) + \text{Count at Level 2 Not On Track} + 2(\text{Count at Level 2 On Track}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 4})] \div [\text{Count of Tested Students}]) \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Safe Harbor Target: Safe Harbor provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Safe Harbor Target is calculated using the following formula: $2010-11 \text{ PI} + (200 - \text{the } 2010-11 \text{ PI}) \times 0.10$.

Elementary/Middle-Level Math: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	958	100%
Not Black or African American	948	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	905	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	931	100%
Not White	96	100%
Not Multiracial	957	100%
General Education	790	100%
English Proficient	952	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	930	100%
Male	488	100%
Female	471	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	959	100%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	953	188
Not Black or African American	944	188
Not Hispanic or Latino	901	189
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	926	188
Not White	94	180
Not Multiracial	952	188
General Education	786	196
English Proficient	947	188
Not Economically Disadvantaged	925	188
Male	483	188
Female	471	188
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	954	188

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: AYP

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Adequate Yearly Progress: In elementary/middle-level (grades 4 & 8) science, districts and schools must meet both the participation and performance criteria to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Participation: To meet the participation criterion, at least 80% of students in each accountability group with 40 or more members must be tested on an appropriate science assessment.

Performance: To meet the performance criterion, the Performance Index (PI) of students in each accountability group with 30 or more members must be equal to or greater than the Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO) or the Progress Target.

All accountability groups met the participation and performance criteria (made AYP): YES

Student Group	Made AYP
All Students	✓
American Indian or Alaska Native	—
Black or African American	—
Hispanic or Latino	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—
White	✓
Multiracial	—
Students With Disabilities	✓
Limited English Proficient	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—

✓ Made AYP

✗ Did not make AYP

— There were not enough students to make an AYP determination

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Participation

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All accountability groups with 40 or more members tested at least 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 4 & 8) Science Participation Results

Student Group	Tested 80%	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
All Students	✓	230	100%
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—
Black or African American	—	1	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	14	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	10	—
White	✓	204	100%
Multiracial	—	1	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	50	100%
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	8	—

- ✓ At least 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.
- ✗ Less than 80% of students enrolled during the test administration period were tested.
- There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Medically Excused:

Students who were excused from testing for medical reasons in accordance with federal No Child Left Behind guidance are not included in these calculations.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Performance

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All accountability groups with 30 or more members had a PI greater than or equal to the EAMO or Progress Target: **YES**

Elementary/Middle-Level (Grades 4 & 8) Science Performance Results

Student Group	PI >= EAMO or Progress Target	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI	Objectives	
				EAMO	Progress Target
All Students	✓	228	197	172	172
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	0	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	1	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	13	—	—	—
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	10	—	—	—
White	✓	203	198	183	183
Multiracial	—	1	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	✓	51†	190†	141	141
Limited English Proficient	—	1	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	8	—	—	—

✓ Performance Index is equal to or greater than Effective Annual Measurable Objective.

✗ Performance Index is less than Effective Annual Measurable Objective and Progress Target.

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

† Includes former students with disabilities because the number of students with disabilities in the current year is equal to or greater than 30.

BEDS Day (Basic Educational Data System Day): BEDS Day is the first Wednesday in October of the school year.

Performance Index (PI): A PI is a value from 0 to 200 that is assigned to an accountability group, indicating how that group performed on a required State test (or approved alternative). Student scores on the tests are converted to four performance levels, from Level 1 to Level 4. A PI is calculated using the levels and the following equation: $\frac{1(\text{Count at Level 2}) + 2(\text{Count at Level 3}) + 3(\text{Count at Level 4})}{\text{Count of Tested Students}} \times 100$

Effective Annual Measurable Objective (EAMO): The EAMO is the PI value that each accountability group of a given size within a district or school is expected to achieve to meet the performance criterion. The EAMO table is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/accountability/> under the header "Annual Measurable Objectives."

Progress Target: A Progress Target provides an alternate means to meet the performance criterion for accountability groups whose PIs are less than their EAMOs. The 2011-12 Progress Target is calculated by adding 1 point to the previous year's PI.

Elementary/Middle-Level Science: Non-AYP Groups

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Participation and performance for the following groups are *NOT* used to determine AYP.

Participation

Student Group	Students Enrolled During the Test Administration Period	Percent of Enrolled Students with Valid Test Scores
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	230	100%
Not Black or African American	229	100%
Not Hispanic or Latino	216	100%
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	220	100%
Not White	26	—
Not Multiracial	229	100%
General Education	180	99%
English Proficient	229	100%
Not Economically Disadvantaged	222	100%
Male	124	99%
Female	106	100%
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	230	100%

— There were fewer than 40 students enrolled during the test administration period.

Performance

Student Group	Tested Students Enrolled on BEDS Day	PI
Not American Indian or Alaska Native	228	197
Not Black or African American	227	197
Not Hispanic or Latino	215	198
Not Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	218	197
Not White	25	—
Not Multiracial	227	197
General Education	179	199
English Proficient	227	197
Not Economically Disadvantaged	220	197
Male	122	196
Female	106	199
Migrant	0	—
Not Migrant	228	197

— There were fewer than 30 tested students enrolled on BEDS day and during the test administration period.

Unweighted Combined ELA and Math PIs

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Unweighted Combined ELA and Math Performance Indices (PIs)

The unweighted combined ELA and math Performance Index (PI) is the sum of the PIs for all measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group divided by the number of measures for which the school/district has 30 or more students in the group. For example, EM ELA = 150, EM Math = 180, HS ELA = 140, HS Math = 160: $(150 + 180 + 140 + 160) \div 4 = 157.5 = 158$.

Student Group	Elementary/ Middle-Level ELA PI	Elementary/ Middle-Level Math PI	Secondary-Level ELA PI	Secondary-Level Math PI	Unweighted Combined PI
All Students	182	188	—	—	185
American Indian or Alaska Native	—	—	—	—	—
Black or African American	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	174	175	—	—	175
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—	—
White	183	189	—	—	186
Multiracial	—	—	—	—	—
Students With Disabilities	136	153	—	—	145
Limited English Proficient	—	—	—	—	—
Economically Disadvantaged	—	—	—	—	—

— There was not enough students to determine a Performance Index.